



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**MUSIC THERAPY MONTH**  
APRIL 2010

**WHEREAS**, the profession of music therapy is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> year in 2010, having started as the National Association of Music Therapy in 1950, and is now the American Music Therapy Association; and

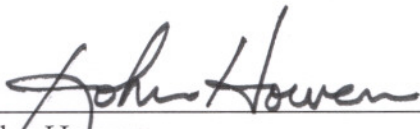
**WHEREAS**, music therapy programs educate students to be competent music therapists to serve citizens with special needs in areas including hospitals, school districts and residential facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota music therapists are part of the Midwestern Region of the American Music Therapy Association, which includes North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Missouri, Kansas and Idaho; and

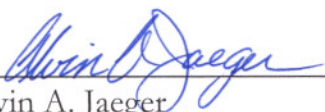
**WHEREAS**, music therapists strive to provide music therapy services which are most effective in restoring, maintaining and improving the mental, physical and social well-being of all persons; and

**WHEREAS**, music therapy is included in several pieces of federal legislation, including the Older Americans Act Amendments (1992), and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (2004).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2010, **MUSIC THERAPY MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State